

Forest Hill Church

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Forest Hill Church: diverse, inclusive and welcoming

Service of Worship
September 9, 2018 at 11:00 am
Celebration of Holy Communion

Welcome! Thank you for joining us today for worship.
This morning we celebrate the Eucharist (the sacrament of the Lord's Supper,
or Holy Communion) by intinction (dipping the bread into the cup).
We also provide a gluten-free alternative. After receiving the elements
you may come to the railing to receive a blessing.

Centering Words

Before we begin to worship, take time to become aware of God's presence. Take a
few deep breaths and think about God's love for you.

Welcome

Choral Introit

Anne Wilson

"See, I Am Doing a New Thing"

Greeting Our God with Joy

Call to Worship

Ajah Hales

Leader: Welcome sisters and brothers to the house of God!

**People: We come from the east and the west, the north and the south to
the table of our Lord.**

Leader: We are the people of God seeking to discover God's call, celebrate
God's presence and witness to God's transforming power in the
world!

**People: We open our minds, hands and hearts to receive the Spirit of
Christ as we do a new thing!**

Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made!

People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

*** Processional Hymn No. 1** "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!"
Ahren Stock, trumpet

**please stand if able*

Renewing Our Relationship with God

Prayer of Confession

Rev. Eileen Vizcaino

Almighty God, you love us, but we have not loved you. You call, but we have not listened. We walk away from neighbors in need, wrapped in our own concerns. We condone evil, prejudice, warfare, and greed.

God of grace, help us to admit our sin, so that as you come to us in mercy, we may repent, turn to you, and receive forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our redeemer. Amen.

Time of Silent Confession

Kyrie eleison (*Lord, have mercy*)

Craig Phillips

The musical notation consists of two staves. The first staff is in 4/4 time, starting with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody begins with a quarter rest, followed by a quarter note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, a quarter note C5, a quarter note B4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note G4, and a quarter note F#4. The lyrics "Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have" are written below the notes. The second staff is in 4/4 time, starting with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody begins with a quarter note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, a quarter note C5, a quarter note B4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note G4, and a quarter note F#4. The lyrics "mer - cy. Lord, _____ have _____ mer - cy." are written below the notes. The melody is written on a single staff, and the lyrics are written below the notes.

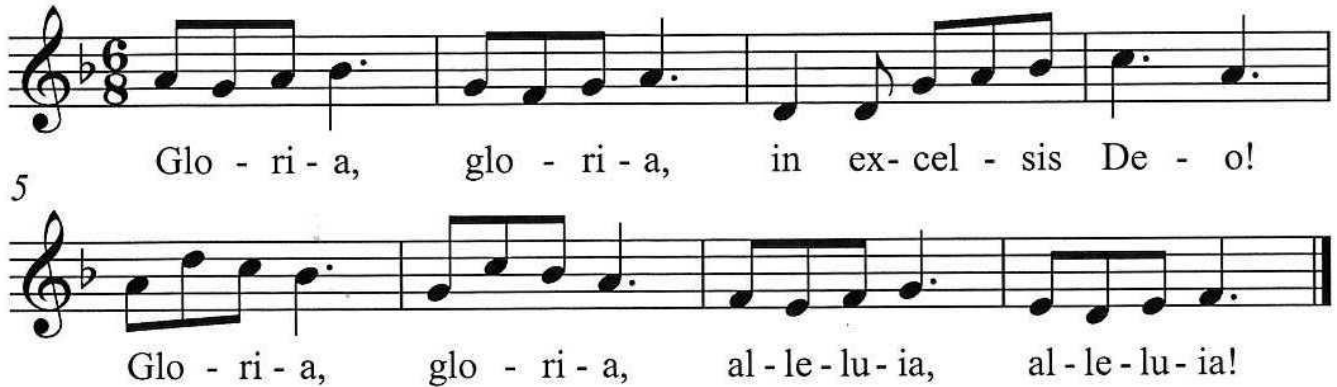
Affirming the Good News in Our Lives

Assurance of Pardon

*** Gloria**

Taizé

*All sing first time. Second time: low voices, begin;
high voices enter two measures later; children and
youth enter two measures after that.*



Opening Our Hearts to God's Word

Minute for Mission

Deacons Jeanette Nemcek and Margie Ravas

"See, I Am Doing a New Thing"

Children's Activity

Rev. David Wigger

Children are invited to come up front for a quiet activity during the sermon

Scripture Lesson

Isaiah 43: 14-21

Thus says the LORD, your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel: For your sake I will send to Babylon and break down all the bars, and the shouting of the Chaldeans will be turned to lamentation. I am the LORD, your Holy One, the Creator of Israel, your King. Thus says the LORD, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. I am about to do a new thing; now it springs

forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. The wild animals will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches; for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, the people whom I formed for myself so that they

After the reading

Leader: Hear what the Holy Spirit is telling God's people.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Rev. Dr. John C. Lentz, Jr.

"A New Thing!"

Ritual of Friendship

Offering

Offertory

spiritual, arr. Joseph T. Jones

"He is King of Kings"

*** Doxology**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,

Praise God all creatures here below,

Praise God above ye heavenly host, Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost.

*** Prayer of Dedication**

Eucharist

Invitation

Great Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up unto the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Children: Why do we give thanks at this table?

People: We give thanks for God's creation, for making us in God's image.

We give thanks because God never gave up on us, even though we were not faithful to God. We give thanks because when it was time, God sent his only son, Jesus, to show God's love for us.

Children: How do we praise God for all this?

Leader: With all the faithful of every time and place. This is said to God's glory:

People: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

Children: What do we remember at this table?

People: We remember God's Son, Jesus: He healed the sick and restored sight to the blind; He welcomed strangers and ate with outcasts. Dying on the cross, he saved us from our sins. Risen from the dead, he gives us new life.

Children: How are we able to remember?

People: We are able to remember because of the gift of the Holy Spirit, God's first gift to those who believe, who will complete God's work in the world.

Children: Why do we eat bread at this table?

Leader: On the night before he died, Jesus took bread, blessed and gave it to his friends. He told them to eat it and remember him. And ministering in Jesus' name, we do likewise.

Children: Why do we drink from the cup at this table?

Leader: After the meal, Jesus took the cup, and gave it to them as the promise that our sins are forgiven. And ministering in Jesus' name, we do likewise.

Children: But this is everyday bread and grape juice.

Leader: Let us pray that the everyday bread and juice will become holy: Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these your gifts of bread and cup, that the bread we break and the cup we bless may be the communion of the body and blood of Jesus Christ.

People: Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, Almighty God, now and forever. Amen.

Leader: Since this meal brings us together with all Christians, let us pray for the needs of the world, the church, and all of God's children.

Children may return to their families

Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors; And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Communion of the People

Music during Communion

Graham Kendrick

"The Trumpets Sound, the Angels Sing"

Prayer after Communion

God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Going Forth to Live as God's People

* Closing Hymn No. 769

"To Everyone Born"
Stanzas 1, 3, and 5

* Commission and Blessing

* Choral Benediction

"Sanctuary"

3 Lord pre-pare me to be a sanc-tu - ar - y, pure and

6 ho - ly, tried and true, With thanks - giv - ing, I'll be a

liv - ing sanc-tu - ar - y for you.

* Passing of the Peace

Postlude

Louis Vierne

"Finale (Symphony No. 1)"



Welcome Visitors!

We look forward to greeting you and answering any questions you may have. Welcome bags are available in the foyers and the narthex. Take one home with you! Be sure to visit our website, **www.fhcpresb.org**, for a list of upcoming events, education programs for all ages, and past sermon texts and audio.

Please join us in wearing a name tag so that we might greet you. Our ushers have large print editions of the bulletin, activity bags for children staying in worship, and directions to our nursery for babies and young children.

Notes & Announcements

Chancel Flowers: Today's flowers are given by Marilyn Wilk in memory of her mother Cinderella Paradiso, and by Jenny Harper Himmelman in memory of Maybelle Geyer and Nancy Harper, dearest mother and grandmother of Jenny and Caty Himmelman.

Prayers are requested this week for: Kathleen Corcoran, Dan Fuller, Max Harmon, Mary Hosier, Jane Larsen-Wigger, Eleanor Magee, Elizabeth Shaw, Jimmy Strong, and Wesley Washington.

Please remember these homebound members in your prayers: Marge Drollinger, Iris and Al Gilbert, Florence and Ron Klein, Emelia McGuire, Joyce Peters, Margie Stauffer, Elaine Tapié, Lorian Thomas, and Beryl and Henrietta Williams.

The Deacons encourage you to stop by the Greeting Card Table in Fellowship Hall before or after worship to sign a card for one or more of our homebound members. We will address and mail the card for you.

Care Group: The Bethlehem Care Group is responsible for assisting the clergy in meeting members' needs during January. Please call the church office to report an illness, hospitalization, family emergency, birth or death. Information will then be passed on to the Care Group leaders.

Today Is Hunger Sunday Any cash or checks in envelopes marked Hunger will be used 100% for support of Forest Hill Church's Abundance Pantry, which serves food to over 150 people each week.

This Month's Ushers Thank you to Deborah Erwin and Robyn Hales, head ushers, and today's usher team.

Coming Up

TODAY: Stay for the Fall Fellowship Celebration! It begins immediately after worship.

THIS WEEK

Bible Study: The lessons for this week are: **Proverbs 1: 20-33; Psalm 19; James 3: 1-2; Mark 8: 27-38.**

Bible and Bagels discusses next Sunday's text(s) on Wednesday mornings from 7:30 to 8:30. All are welcome!

Choirs: The choir/bell season is starting up. If you or your child are interested in joining a musical group at FHC, please contact Anne Wilson, Director of Music (annew@fhcpresb.org or 216-870-2729), or speak to her after worship. Details are in the September Tower.

NEXT SUNDAY

Adult Education, 9:30 Kerygma classes meet in South Hall, the Library and Bodwell Hall. Dr. Lentz's class, Living the Question, will meet in the Faith Leader Room next to the Chapel.

Labre Project Warm, gently-used clothing and accessories – coats, sweaters, hats, gloves, blankets for men, women and children – are appreciated for the Labre Project in East Cleveland. Please leave donations in the bin in Fellowship Hall.

Eagle Scout Project: Donations for Rowan Trammell’s Eagle Scout project (water, baby wipes, canned meat, washcloths) will be collected through next Sunday, September 16, and may be placed in the box on the stage in Fellowship Hall.

Social Groups

September 21, 1 pm: Hilltoppers are invited to bring their travel stories and pictures to Fellowship Hall for a shared travelogue program.

September 22, 5 pm: All are invited to a family program of the operetta “Green Eggs and Ham,” featuring Anne Wilson, Lara Troyer, and Peter Bush, and followed by a potluck supper.

September 29, 5 – 7 pm: Young Adults (and families) are invited to meet at Bottlehouse (2050 Lee Road) for pizza. You are welcome to bring a side or dessert to share. Drinks will be available for purchase. Contact Charity Stock with questions or to RSVP (charityrmcdonald@gmail.com.) Hope to see you there!

October 16: Hilltoppers and Iris Circle will tour Old Stone Church.

October 21: The Group will go to a Suburban Symphony concert.

Youth News

Sundays: Classes for all youth (gr. 6-12) meet at 10:10 am in the Ruah Room.

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Calendar: September 9 - 16

Sunday, September 9

9:15 Childcare begins
9:30 Continental Breakfast
 Adult Education
 Descant Choir (gr. 1-5)
10:10 Pathways (gr. 1-5)
 Youth Education (gr. 6-12)
10:30 Chancel Choir
11:00 Children's Worship class (4-kdg)
 Worship with Communion
12:15 Fall Fellowship Celebration

Monday, September 10

6:00 pm AA: Progress not Perfection
7:00 pm Al Anon: Now There's Hope
CPNC meeting
7:30 pm AA: Borton Group

Tuesday, September 11

12:00 pm Abundance Pantry
registration

1:00 pm Abundance Pantry food
Distribution

5:00 pm Fitness Fusion exercise class

7:15 pm Black History Team mtg

Wednesday, September 12

7:00 am Bible and Bagels
12:30 pm AA: Wednesday Women's Grp
7:00 pm Ministries meet

Thursday, September 13

7:00 am TOWER deadline

5:00 pm Fitness Fusion exercise class
6:20 pm Voices in Bronze bell choir
7:30 pm Chancel Choir

Friday, September 14

10:00 am Al Anon

Sunday, September 16

8:30 Nominating Committee
9:15 Childcare begins
9:30 Continental Breakfast
Adult Education
Descant Choir (gr. 1-5)
10:10 Pathways (gr. 1-5)
Youth Education (gr. 6-12)
10:30 Chancel Choir
11:00 Children's Worship class (4-kdg)
Worship
12:15 Coffee & Conversation
Sine Nomine Choir (gr. 6-12)

Caleb Alexander Wright will be performing live
for The Heights Music Hop with the Band
Alexander Wright & The Collective
At CLE Urban Winery

Saturday September 15th, 2018
5:00-7:00 PM
CLE Urban Winery
2180 Lee Rd.
Cleveland Heights, OH

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Prayer Warriors

Did you know that "The Prayer Warriors," a group of dedicated church members, have been offering intercessory prayers with sincerity and love for a number of years? Rob Reynolds is now coordinating the team upon Lois' departure. Here's how it works: you can send prayer requests to the office or to Rob ([**rdraylor@gmail.com**](mailto:rdraylor@gmail.com)) and your request will be shared with the team. Your need will be treated with utmost confidentiality, love and respect. Team members currently include Pat Jenkins, Sandy Ladebue, Nancy Burcham, Rob Reynolds, and Grace Uhle. Team members will not follow up with you, but will invite you to follow up with them at any time because we want you to have ownership of the information of whatever is happening in your life.

Isaiah 43.19:

I am about to do a new thing; now
it springs forth, do you not
perceive it? I will make a way in the
wilderness and rivers in the desert.

Isaiah 42.9:

See, the former things have come to
pass, and new things I now declare;
before they spring forth, I tell you of
them.

Isaiah 48.6:

You have heard; now see all this; and will
you not declare it? From this time forward I
make you hear new things, hidden things
that you have not known.

